Has Violated Federal and State Laws, Says Attorney Who Is Pushing a Suit to Obtain an Accounting for Stockholders.

BIG PLANTS LEASED FOR \$5 PER YEAR.

Before It Was Diverted from Its Original Purpose Profits Were \$2,000,000 a Year-Now in the Hands of Receiver

"The Whiskey Trust was formed in direct violation of the State and the Federal laws and in direct violation of the anti-trust laws, like the Shipbuildgument before Justice Davis in the Supreme Court to-day. The Ernsts have the Whiskey Trust directors to render

Company is the corporate name of the "Whisky Trust." The half dozen subsidiary distilling and distributing companies absorbed by the trust were also Went Into Receiver's Hands.

Ex-Judge Dittenhoefer said that the Ernst and Frederick G. Reeves, of New Jersey, were stock-holders in the Distilling and Cattle Feeding Company, which was earning \$2,000,000 a year when it was absorbed by the American Spirits Manufacturing Company; after that its business fell off and it went into the hands of a receiver. They want to know all about how this happened. They demand that Samuel M. Rice, Theodore R. Wentworth, Jules S. Bache, Howard J. M. Cardoza, Edson Bradley, Rudd C. Rann, Richard B. Hartshorn and P. Lewis Henderson, directors of the trust, make an accounting and an explanation of their management of the business.

Plants'Leased for \$5 a Year. They also ask to have set aside the transfers of a dozen of the largest whiskey plants, some of them for a \$5 bill a year for 999 years, and the return of property of the corporation alleged to have been diverted from its proper

The defendants were represented by Alexander & Green, who said they represented \$135,000,000 of authorized capital. They alleged that Reeves was only a stockholder "on the record," having been put in in order that the plaintiff might sue in the Federal Courts, too, and that the suits are a hold-up.

counts were weak. Business on the Stock Exchange was quietly steady, the strength displayed by Japanese securities being the feature of the transactions. Consols were well supported.

Americans opened dull, remained apathetic and closed firmer. Grand Trunk weakened owing to the traffic returns heing disappointing. Foreigners generally were easier. Russians were notably depressed. Kaffirs were lower, on profit-taking and lack of Continental support. strength displayed by Jaranese securi-

WHEAT MARKET.

Wheat opened easier to-day in response to the lower cables from the foreign grain markets and to the declines in the Northwest, the latter re-flecting improved weather conditions. Corn was steady and practically unchanged.
New York's opening prices were:

Wheat—May, 94 1-4 bid; July, 90 5-8 to 90 3-4; September, 84 5-8 bid. Corn—May, be 1-4 bid. be 14 bid

Chicago's opening prices were: Wheat

—May, 92 1-4: July, 86 1-4 to 36 1-5; September, 82 to 81 3-4. Corn—May, 51 3-4;

July, 49 3-4 to 49 7-8; December, 44 3-4.

New York's closing prices were:

Wheat—May, 94; July, 90 3-4; September,

85 5-8 bid. Corn—May, 55 3-4; July, 54 3-8

bid.

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 Chicago's closing prices were: Wheat
 May, 92 1-8; July, 86 3-4 bid; September,
 82 1-2 to 82 5-8. Corn—April, 51 1-4; May,
 52; July 50 1-8 bid; September, 49 1-4 bid;
 December, 44 7-8.

COTTON MARKET.

Heavy selling of old crop months, partly based on cables from Liverpool, caused severe declines on the call, after which prices rallied sharply on room covering. Offerings of April and May by a leading bear house caused considerable stop-loss selling in July by commission houses. That new crop positions showed relative steadiness was due to the cold weather in the South. Later on the early sellers of May and July turned buyers through brokers, and this helped the raily.

The opening prices were: April, 13.70 to 13.80; May, 13.73 bid; July, 14.04 to 14.05; August, 13.50 to 13.51; September, 12.31 to 12.32; October, 11.76 bid; December, 11.58 offered.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY.
s. 5.20 Sun sets. 6.41 Moon sets.
THE TIDES. High Water.
A.M. P.M.
Sandy Hook 905 9.26
Governor's Island 9.18 9.42
Hell Gate Ferry 11.11 11.35

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SAILED TO-DAY,
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LOSSES AT CLOSE

Consolidated Gas Under Open Manipulation Drops Back, While the List Generally Shares in the Decline.

STEEL SHARES IN DEMAND.

Good Gain, but the Grangers Are Soft-Court Delay in Merger Case

After it was announced to-day that here would be no decision in the Harriman intervention petition in the Northern Securities case the stock mazket became almost as dull as during the days of three weeks ago. The ticker stood still for long intervals, and prices. which during the early hours had flucing Trust," said ex-Judge A. J. Ditten- tuated rather sharply within narrow hoefer, counsel for Moritz and Carl limits, steadled about at the low points. Ernst, the bankers, in the opening ar- The announcement that James J. Hill Coffee will be the feature of the island's caused very little comment. All efforts ton will be well displayed. Americans brought suit as stockholders to compel to see Mr. Hill during the morning are planting oranges quite extensively. The American Spirits Manufacturing to talk and had nothing to talk about be very profitable. American capital is

> The annual meeting of the stockhold-respects. They will be greatly imers of the United State Steel Corpora-proved, however, if we can better the little comment. It was recognised that trade advantages with Spain. This we everything was cut and dried and that hope may be done before long. there was little chance for anything out of the ordinary to take place.

> that caused rather sharp movements in increases rapidly and will continue to the price of the stock. The opening was grow as the sugar, tobacco, fruit and point above last Saturday, and soon it advanced to 207 3-4, only to drop to 206, and then to advance to 206 1-2, MERGER DECISIONTHIS WEEK around which figure it held for some time, only to decline again below the opening figure to 205 1-2.

The movements in Consolidated las, it was discovered later, were due to bare-faced manipulation. At the opening a trader offered 200 shares at 206 1-2. A commission house isnoved the offer and bid 207 1-4. Later the high prices, 207 3-4, mentioned was reached without sold down to 205 without attracting Thursday. nany outside bids.

Airbrake made a gain of more than resented \$135,000,000 of authorized capital. They alleged that Reeves was only a stockholder "on the record," having been put in in order that the plaintiff might sue in the Federal Courts, too, and that the suits are a hold-up.

LONDON STOCKS STEADY.

American Shares Dull During the Session, but Closed Firmer.

LONDON, April 18.—The supply of money was superabundant in the market to-day and the rates were easier. The demands are likely to be light throughout the week apart from repayments to the Bank of England. Discounts were weak. Busiuess on the The demand for Steel stocks was bettered to the the demands of the road will enter from the settimated to be about \$8,000,000 a year, and it is calculated that an additional \$4,000,000 will come from other sources. With this increased revenue it is figured that the cogd will show earnings equal to the 6 per cent. to which the debentures are entitled and about 10 per cent. upon the preferred stock. It is believed that the debenture Bs will be coveted into an obligatory 4 per cent, bond, and it is predicted by the friends of the road that the work was betwas strong. It was said that within ten

The demand for Steel stocks was better than the supply. The Grangers were inclined to be rather soft all day and were the first to decline with each reaction. They, however, did not dad-

The closing showed losses on the day with the trading dull.

The Closing Quotations.

"BIG FOUR" PRESIDENT SAILS. LONDON, April 18.-Among the pas engers who will sail on the White Star ine steamer Oceanic from Liverpool April 20 for New York will be M. E. Insalls, of Cincinnati, President of the "Big Four" Railroad; Mrs. Ingalls, Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Kip and Col. and Mrs. George Harvey.

The Hotel Will Grape-Nuts

On Request.

STOCKS DULL, SHOW PORTO RICO TRIES FOR MARKET HERE

Gov. Hunt Says Island Is Preparing for Extensive Exhibit at St. Louis of Coffee, Tobacco and Fruit.

rived here to-day on the steamer Ponce from San Juan. He will remain in the Wabash Strong, Airbrake Makes a United States about two weeks. He by Edward P. Leich, a salesman, of said he had not heard of his appoint- No. 826 Halsey street. District Court of Montana and Wyoming, and would say nothing about his intentions in regard to the appointment. He will spend considerable time in Washington in connection with his official duties, and in any event will re-

> weeks. Speaking of conditions on the island,

Gov. Hunt said: "Just at present a strong effort United States for Porto Rico by preparing for an extensive exhibit at St. Louis. was in the city had no effect and exhibit, though tobacco, fruit and cotwere unavailing. Mr. Brown, his secre- The groves are doing well. Cotton is attary, said that Mr. Hill was too busy tracting attention, too, and bids fair to finding its way into Porto Rico and conditions are generally encouraging in all tion attracted little attention and caused markets for coffee by securing reciprocal

"Public affairs are in excellent condition. It is probable that the value of the exports of the current fiscal year will exceed the value of imports interest, and there were many humors \$1,000,000. Trade with the United States cotton are being extended."

Harriman Ruling Will Be An nounced on or Before Thursday. ST. PAUL, Minn., April 18.-No decision was handed down to-day by the United States Circuit Court on the motion of E. H. Harriman and W. S. Pierce, for leave to intervene in the Company's affairs.

Judge Sanborn said that the decision meeting with any offerings, and then it would be given out on or before next



DUST wont stick to it.
Wet wont penetrate it. Easy rubbing -quick

Saves your shoes—saves vour dimes.

No turpentine, no grease, no waste.

There's cleanness, convenience and economy.

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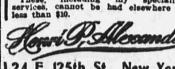
MEN'S STORES.

NEW YORK CITY.—43 Cortland St., 115
Nassau St., 291 Broadway, 785 Broadway,
1211 Broadway, 1841 Broadway, 507 Einhth
Av., 1040 W. 120th St., 388 Sixth Av., 2280
Third Av., 1040 Broadway, 460 Fifth Av.
JERSEY CITY.—66 Newark Av.
NEWARK. N. J.—841 Broad St., opposite
Central RR, of N. J. WOMEN'S STORES. NEW YORK CITY.— 166 West 125th St.. 785 Broadway, 1839 Broadway, 838 Sixth Av. BROOKLYN.—466 Fifth Av.



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OPEN EVENINGS.

136 Main St., Paterson, N. J.

PAID \$14 INTEREST

E. P. Leich Charges Credit Company with Usury and Causes Arrest of Miss Nellie Mulcahey, an Employee.

Miss Nellie Mulcahey, twenty-three ears of age, appeared in the Gates Avenue Court, Brooklyn, to-day, to answer to a charge of usury preferred

No. \$26 Halsey street.

Leich said he had taken a loan of \$17 from the Union Credit and Investment Company, by whom Miss Mulcahey is employed. The concern has offices in the Arbuckle Building, Brooklyn.

Leich said he had paid \$14 as interest at different times. Miss Mulcahey did not appear at all worried. She was released in \$500 ball and the case was set for April 26.

Why is it that a man is prouder of \$1 won on a bet than of \$10 won by honest work! The most

The Unusual Store. Japanese

Bronze Castings For Outdoor Use.



In Japan these bronzes are arranged in the gardens with artistic effect, the basins being filled with water plants, angel fish, vines and small trees.

The collection is of a good quality bronze, and a number show the beautiful patina of this metal.

We are also showing an immense variety of outdoor art objects. Stone and Bronze Lanterns. Japanese and Chinese

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Save 40 cts. the yard

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We ran heavy on fine carpets and rugs last winter, and overtocked; in order to clear our stores of this surplus we've cut prices deep to prompt quick

Bigelow Axminsters, 1.25 Savonnerie Axminsters the Extra Wilton Velvets,

Best quality made. 1.65 These are not a few left-overs or part rolls, but a big line of very desirable

Also Best Tapestry Brussels, the Regularly priced at 90c. High Grade Wilton Rugs, 27.50

Even unusual value at the former price f \$35. Mattings.

75 lb. Jointless China 180 Cotton Warp Japanese, 6, 50 per roll (40 yards, J. & J. Dobson,

14th St. & 5th Ave.

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OUR NEW YORK AGENTS:

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No Decision Has Been Announced as Yet, but it Is Said that the Measure Will Meet with His Disapproval.

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bill case, on which he gave a hearing

fully," said the Mayor, "and find much that requires consideration. I have given all the interested parties until to-day to submit briefs additional to those presented Saturday. I cannot, of course, say in advance of going over the whole case fully whether or not I shall sign the bill." Despite what the Mayor says in thi

pared to veto the measure. None of Mayor McClellan's bills son to the Legislature seeking relief for gas consumers was acted on favorably. They died in committee. No relief leg-

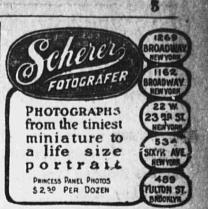
islation is now in sigh -until next win-Mayor McClellan has not yet reached ter's session at least. It has come to a stipulation that Justice Blanc a decision in the East River Gas Grab the attention of the Mayor that the temporary injunction shall stand.

Consolidated Gas Company lobbyists killed the administration gas meaures, and knowing this, it is asserted by the Mayor's friends that he is deter-mined, for this and other reasons, to veto the gas grab bill.

GAS TRUST INJUNCTION.

Argument to Come Up Next Week on Street-Lighting Contract.

The suit of August Kemmerle to stop espect, it is understood that he is pre-Commissioner Oakley and the Board of tract for lighting the city streets to the Consolidated Gas Trust will come on for trial before Justice MacLean in the Supreme Court next Monday, an adurnment having been arranged upon ter's session at least. It has come to a stipulation that Justice Blanchard's SUNDAY WORLD WANTS



WORK MONDAY WONDERS

Every Inspiration of Spring

NEW YORK. Double "S. & H." Green Trading Stamps Mornings This Week from 8:30 till 12 o'Clock-Thereafter Single Stamps Until Closing Hour.

Cooper Store.

T wouldn't be characteristic of the Siegel Cooper Store if it halted even for a business hour. The Big Store pushes resolutely and tirelessly onward, making thousands of new friends daily. "You are always busy, never dull," remarked a visiting merchant recently. "So many other Stores complain of business being slow.

Rather different here. The Siegel Cooper Store creates business in enormous volumes by offering the people superior inducements, by cutting away from hackneyed methods, by doing things in a bold, progressive and original way.

A good many Stores are like a good many men. They are content to follow and imitate. There isn't any use recounting all that The Siegel Cooper Store has originated and what the others are aping constantly. One reference seems sufficient.

Some years ago The Siegel Cooper Store announced that Wednesday would be known as "Homefitters' Day." Goods for the house are always made special features of at The Big Store. These sales being always very successful, they are now being widely imitated.

Amazing Bargains in China & Bric-a-Brac.

Values So Extraordinary That They Must At Once Enlist Widespread Attention. The big Chinaware Store on the Third Floor is doing remarkable things these days. Prices are toppling in all directions. They

There Will Be a Revel of Choice Values at The Big Store To-Morrow.

On a special counter on the In the Regular China Store on the Third Floor These Bargains in Brie-a-Brae. Main Floor, centre, the following will be displayed to-morrow at

the uniform price of 10c. 25c. OYSTER PLATES, 39c. PLATES. 15c. AFTER DINNER CUPS and SAUCERS. 20c. EGG CUPS, 35c.OATMEAL SAUCERS

25c. CUFS and SAUCERS. 25c. CREAM PITCHERS.

SETS: 100 pieces, 5.50 SILO.00 AMERICAN PORCELAIN DINNER 6.50

Sc. 4-inch FRUITS, 10c. 4½-inch FRUITS, 85c. COVER DISHES, 6c. INDIVIDUAL BUTTERS, 50c. SUGARS, \$1.00 14-inch DISHES, Dinner Sets. \$7.25 AMERICAN PORCELAIN DINNER RETS; 103 pieces, \$5.50 AMERICAN PORCELAIN DINNER \$5.50 AMERICAN PORCELAIN DINNER STOTE: 100 pieces,

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Re | \$18.40 AMERICAN PORCELAIN DINNER | \$25.00 AUSTRIAN CHINA DINNER | \$2 Bargains Will Engage Attention.

15c. TEAS AND SAUCERS, Sc | \$18.00 AMERICAN PORC 8 18.66 AMERICAN PORCELAIN DINNER
8 SETS; 100 pieces.
8 SEC 12:-inch DISHES, 20c
8 SEC 12:-inch DISHES, 20c
8 SEC 16:-inch DISHES, 10c
8

opalescent and exquisitely decorated. There are a variety of styles. Regularly \$2.00 to \$3.00 Vases.
BISQUE FIGURES, pairs or singly.
handsomely tinted, regularly 75c. BISQUE FIGURES; pairs or singly, 50e large assortment; regularly \$1.00.
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BEAUTIFUL FLOWER DECOR-ATED VASES, regularly 75c. (Third Floor, Front, 19th St.)

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Charming "Beauty" Waists Newest Novelty For Spring Dress Wear.

beautiful new Waists of white lawn since the first announcement, the Women's Waist Store on the Second Floor has already increased its great popularity.

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The Waists are made of fine quality lawn, with yoke back and front, also collar of fine net and Val. lace, bertha handkerchief effect of net and Val. lace; front, sleeves and cuffs tucked; exactly

Half Price. special Sale 100,000 Five Cent 'Seconds' at Less Than Actual Cost of Tobacco.

Cigars at

These cigars are called Seconds" simply because the wrappers look a bit rough the workmanship just a trifle under the average. To use a cigarmaker's term these Cigars are known as the 'throw outs" of regular 5c.

Every Cigar smokes freely; strictly long filler; guaranteed to be a mild and pleasant smoke. We secured 100,000 from a leading local factory at a wonderfully low price, and now offer them to you on the very same basis. To morrow, 85c box of 50.

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Only 100 Trunks in the lot, purchased at great price-concessions from a leading manufacturer. Dropped styles, but durable, serviceable and neat looking. Exceptional values in tourists' and vacationists' Trunks.



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HERMITAGE RYE, 10 years old; gal. 3.50; full quarts, 1.00

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IMPERIAL ZINFANDEL, Case, ST. MACAIRE BURGUNDY, 12 quarts, ST. MACAIRE BURGUNDY, 12 quarts, ect grades, reduced in price to per gal-on, 1.35, 1.05, 85c

INVALID PURE GRAPE JUICE, full counts, 20c; full quarts, 35c and strengthens; dozen, 1.00. TSC., 60c and strengthens; dozen, 1.75 dozen. STOCK EXTRA FORTER lozen. 1.00. TSC., 60c and STOCK EXTRA FORTER lozen. 1.00 BERMAN BREW or CULMBACHER DARK) REER; dozen, 1.00 BERMAN BREW or CULMBACHER DARK) REER; dozen, 1.00 ANSBACHER HUERNERBRAU, the linest Leer imported to this country.

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